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CONTAINING WORK PIECESCommissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington D. C. 20231**ELECTION**

This is in response to a written requirement for restriction made in an office action dated February 25, 2003. According to the office action, restriction is required between claims 1 and 3-19 drawn to a method for etching a carbon-based work piece (class 216, subclass 7--), and claim 20 drawn to a carbon-based work piece (class 428, subclass 1+).

A provisional election of claims 1 and 3-19 is hereby made. However, for the reason that follows, the restriction requirement is respectfully traversed.

According to MPEP § 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

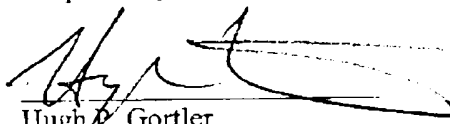
Chances are, the examiner will search both class 428 and class 216 during examination of the provisionally elected claims. If this happens, an additional search will not be needed to examine claim 20. Consequently, the examiner will be able to examine claims 1 and 3-20 without serious burden.

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For this reason, it is respectfully requested that the requirement for restriction be withdrawn and that examination of claims 1 and 3-20 proceed immediately.

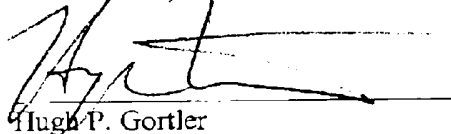
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